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REMARKS

Claims 2-9, 11-18, 21-27, 29, 31, 32, and 35-49 are pending in this application. Claims 2-7, 9, 11-18, 21-25, 27, and 31 have been amended. Claims 10, 19, 20, 28, 30, and 33 have been canceled. New Claims 35-49 have been added. Support for the amendments and new claims is found in the specification and claims as filed.

Claim Objections

Claims 10, 20, and 21 have been objected to because of informalities. Claims 10 and 20 have been canceled. Claim 21 has been amended to replace "the user" with -a user-. Claims 3, 11-14, 17, and 32 have been amended to correct informalities. Claims 4, 5, 13, 14, 22, and 23 have been amended to correct a typographical error. In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-5, 10-14, 19-23, 28, 30, and 33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Gross et al. (US 6,275,717). Although Applicants do not agree with the propriety of the rejection, Claims 1, 10, 19, 20, 28, 30, and 33 have been canceled without prejudice, solely to facilitate issuance of the claims indicated to be allowed or allowable. Claims 2-5 now depend from allowable Claim 6, which has been redrafted into independent form, or an intervening claim. Claims 11-14 now depend from allowable Claim 15, which has been redrafted into independent form, or an intervening claim. Claims 21-23 now depend from allowable Claim 25, which has been redrafted into independent form. Applicants reserve the ability to pursue the canceled claims, or similar claims, in one or more continuing patent applications. The rejection is therefore moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6-9, 15-18, and 24-27 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6, 7, 9, 15, 16, 18, 24, 25, and 27 have been rewritten in independent form. New Claims 34-37 depend from allowable Claim 7, new Claims 38-41 depend from allowable Claim 9, new claims 42-45 depend from allowable

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Claim 16, and new Claims 46-49 depend from allowable Claim 18. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.

Allowed Claims

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's allowance of Claims 29, 30, and 31.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns that might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.


Respectfully submitted,

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